

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK**

September 12, 2013

**5:30 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Councilors Tim Carpenter (W1), Mark Tiffer (W2), George Rabideau (W3), Jim Calnon (W4), Chris Case (W5), Chris Jackson (W6)

**Absent:** **Mayor Donald Kasprzak**

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**1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Common Council held on August 29, 2013 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Case

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

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**2. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:**

**RESOLVED:** That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the week ending September 11, 2013 in the amount of \$ **249,116.18** are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby empowered and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Case

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

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**3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the week of August 29 – September 11, 2013
- Report from the Building Inspector's Office July 15 – September 6, 2013
- Report of the Records Committee meeting held on September 5, 2013
- Statement from the City Clerk's Office of all monies received during the month of August 2013 in the total amount of \$14,559.48

**RESOLVED:** That the reports as listed are hereby ordered, received and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Rabideau

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

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**4. CORRESPONDENCE & RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS: None**

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**5. AUDIT OF CLAIMS:**

**RESOLVED:** That the bills Audited by the Common Council in the amount of \$ 2,111,079.92 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk (where required) are hereby authorized and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Jackson

**Councilor Jackson** said it's a big number. I just wanted to let people know the reason the number's so big is we paid some debt service payments and also we made some capital purchases from MLD.

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

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**6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL:**

**Brent Derusha, The Lacquer Shop 70 Montcalm Avenue** said it has been brought to my attention that the City Police Department's vehicles when they're damaged are being brought to another collision shop outside the city. I was just wondering what the city policy is. Do they have a policy? I don't mind the competition, but, I haven't even been allowed to write an estimate on damaged vehicles.

**Councilor Calnon** said this isn't a give and take it's a part when you get to bring up. I will tell you that I will follow up and find out why it's done that way and I will get back to you.

**Jackie Koulson** said I was born and raised in the City of Plattsburgh. I just wanted to thank the city and the First Weekends and their events that they did especially the concert last Saturday night when Lucid was there. They were supposed to play 2 hours. They ended up playing for 3. I can't believe we have such a fabulous group from the City of Plattsburgh. I just enjoyed having them there and I want to thank Tim McCormick for getting them to come to the city and play for us.

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**7. OTHER ITEMS:**

**A. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves a leave of absence for Elaine Panton, Typist in the Finance Office, from September 23<sup>rd</sup> through November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013, the 10 week period that runs beyond the 12 weeks absence allowed under the FMLA. Elaine will return to work on November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

By Councilor Case; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**B. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the North Country Mustang Club to have a car show at the waterfront parking lot on Sunday, July 27, 2014.

By Councilor Tiffer; Seconded by Councilor Jackson

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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## **8. TRAVEL REQUEST:**

**A. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Water Pollution Control Plant operator Kristofer Gushlaw to attend the “NYS DEC Grade 4 Management Course” to obtain his operator Grade 4 license in Morrisville, NY from October 28 – October 30, 2013 at a total cost not to exceed \$1,587.50.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Rabideau

Discussion:

**Councilor Jackson** said this is a good thing. Currently we only have 1 person that has this grade of training and is able to operate all facets of the Water Pollution Control Plant. This is a good thing for our succession planning and it’s a good thing for the City of Plattsburgh.

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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## **9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION: None**

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## **10. NEW BUSINESS:**

**Councilor Tiffer** said I just want to make sure everyone goes out and enjoys the festivities this weekend.

**Councilor Case** said I didn’t realize it, but, there is a Blue Grass concert up at the fairgrounds this weekend.

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Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Tiffer

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:36pm**